

March 10, 2010

Honorable Members Erie County Legislature 92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: 2009 Preliminary Unaudited General Fund Operating Results

Dear Honorable Legislators:

I am writing to provide your Honorable Body with preliminary unaudited data for the County's general fund for the year ended 2009. This is subject to change, and is not yet audited.

As of today, based on data in the County's SAP accounting system and representations by various County departments, the County is tracking towards ending 2009 with an increase in fund balance in the general fund of \$40,020,655. If the Collins Administration makes an additional subsidy to the Debt Service Fund, the increase in fund balance in the general fund will instead total \$31,151,496.

This projected increase in fund balance is mostly attributable to the County's 2009 receipt of Federal Medical Assistance Percentage ("FMAP") assistance totaling \$41.02 million.

I and representatives of my office are available to address any questions you may have regarding this 2009 projection.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq. Erie County Comptroller

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cc: Christopher C. Collins, Erie County Executive

Gregory G. Gach, Director of Budget and Management

Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority